(d) Yes, Sir. Around 10,000 tons of FCVTobacco is yet to be exported to Russia.

(e) Minimum Export Prices* of grades meant for export to Russia were as follows:

Grade 4	Rs. 58.00
LBY/LG	Rs. 56.00
LBY2	Rs. 48.50

(f) Delay is dus to noa-opening of Letter of Credits by the Russian importing organization

(g) No,Sir.

(h) Does not arise.

Export *ot* Tuna Fish

718. SHRI MENTAY PADMANA-BHAM ; Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that MPEDA has explored the possibility of increasina tuna fish exports from the coastal areas of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) what are the annual exports of tuna,

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CON SUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DIS TRIBUTION WITH ADDITION AL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COM MERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) There is limited scope for export of coastal tuna due to high content of red meat in it. Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) encou rages oil shore (deep sea) tuna fishing. At present two fishing companies from Andhra

	Exports of tuna	
	1991-92	1992-93 (provisional)
Quantity (Tonnes)	212	507
Value (Rs. Lakh)	53.79	142.71

(Source: MPEDA)

(c) Main ports ihrough which tuna fish is exported are Madras (Tamil Nadu), Kandla (Gujarat) and Panaji (Goa).

Change in Objectives of ITPO

719. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of COM-MERCE be pleased to stale :

(a) whether it is a fact that there has twen a change in the original objectives of India Trade Promotion Organisation;

(b) whither Government have issued directions to ITPO to commercialise the institution;

(c) what are the reasons for reduc ing Ihc importance of trade promotion